



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2823

Application No.: 09/921,560

Examiner: W. David Coleman

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Docket No.: 10239201

For: ETCHING MASK AND MAGNETIC HEAD DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:-

In reply to the July 30, 2003 Office Action, and further to the October 15, 2003 personal interview, reconsideration is requested based on the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 27-32 and 38-43 are pending in this application.

The Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Coleman for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the personal interview conducted October 15, 2003. The substance of the interview is incorporated herein per MPEP §713.04.

**I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action rejects claims 27-30 and 38-42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,468,595 to Livesay. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed upon during the personal interview, Applicant respectfully submits that Livesay does not disclose, teach or suggest "an etching mask for selectively etching a

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